

GREEK island
ESCAPES

Bougainvillea flowers in Neousa on Paros



One of the many churches on Mykonos

Azure blue sea water, pink bougainvillea flowers against white stucco walls, and a Greek salad with a generous splash of olive oil.

The Greek islands are a heavenly holiday destination. From Mykonos to Paros, with a little detour to Kos—these are the places to be!

PARILIO – PAROS

Perfect for:

- Honeymooners
- Design lovers
- Luxury travelers

Paros, like Mykonos and Santorini, is one of the Cyclades Islands and only 40 minutes from Mykonos with the fast ferry. It is well loved for its numerous beaches, rocky sloping landscape, and picturesque villages like Naoussa and Parikia. This is also what attracted entrepreneurial couple Kalia and Antonis Eliopoulos here. They were already operating three successful hotels on Santorini (one of which is designhotel Isteria) when they decided to expand their portfolio with a hotel on Paros. At Parilio everything revolves around love of hospitality, design and the nature of Paros. True luxury is having your needs taken care of before you've even realized you have them. Before you get thirsty, a glass of homemade lemonade is already waiting for you. Before you go hungry at the airport because you are taking an early flight, they have already prepared a breakfast to-go for you. And before you get around to saying that you prefer a female masseur, they've already made the change. Designer Stamos Hondrodimos from ID Laboratory was in charge of the design of the hotel. He was inspired by Cycladic architecture, the nature of Paros and the light of the sun (Parilio means the sun's aura, and also combines the words Paros and lilio, the Greek word for sun). The hotel has a different look every hour of the day, as if the sun is putting on a continually changing light show. As a guest you feel immersed in the nature around you, particularly the mountainous landscape. It evokes a serenity, a vacuum in a sense. That some colleague hasn't yet responded to an e-mail seems trivial compared to the age-old rocks over there. Apart from the swimming pool and spa, the hotel counts 33 suites all with a wall tapestry specially designed by LRNCE hanging over the bed. And the restaurant, run by Alexandros Tsiotinis who previously worked at Le Bristol in Paris, presents Greek dishes with a modern culinary twist.

Starting at 300 euros per night pariliohotelparos.com

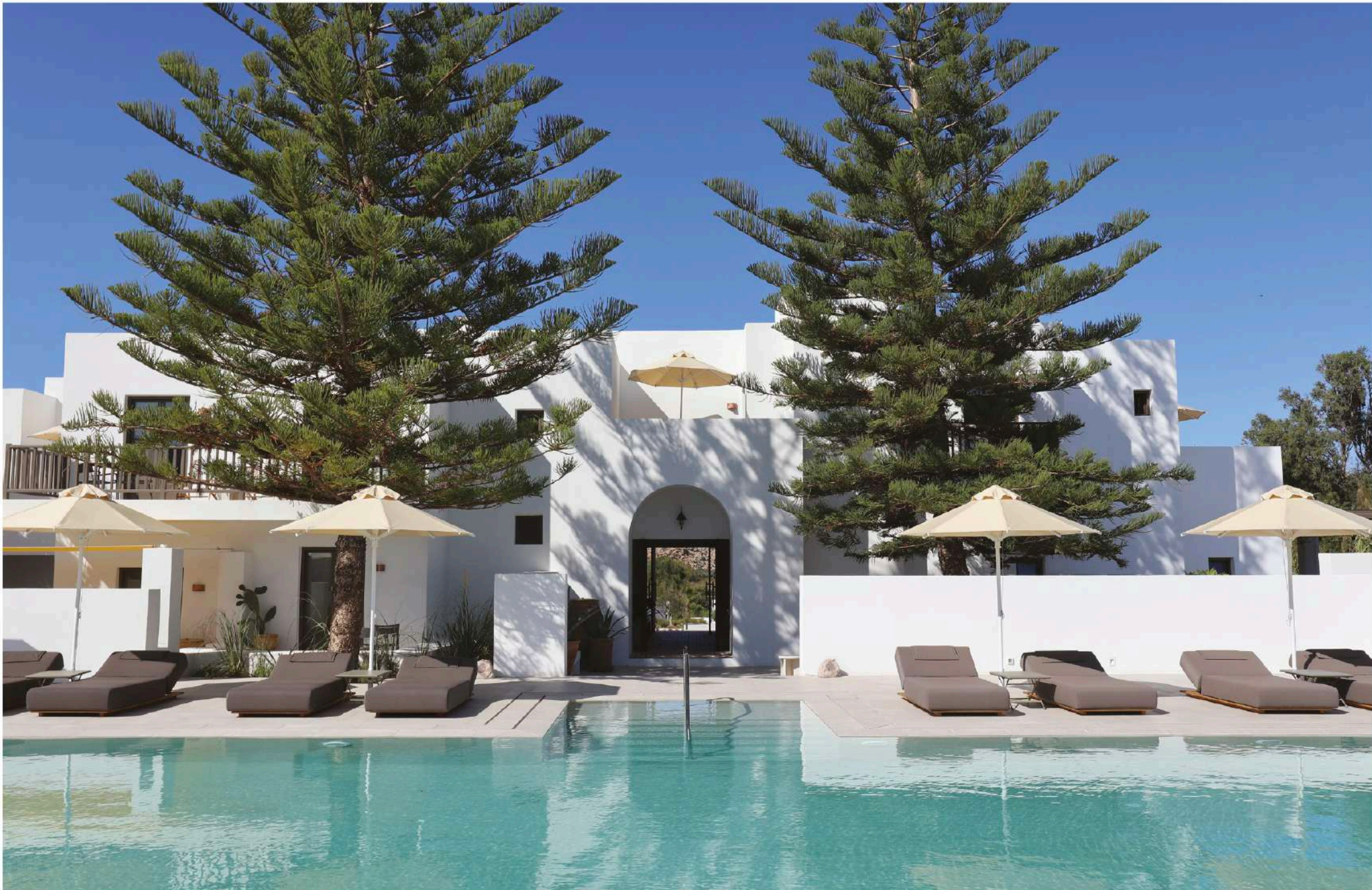


The breakfast area



↑ One of the rooms with a tapestry by LRNCE / The pool →





VILLA LIGARIA KEA

Israeli design studio Dan Troim, that we know from, among others, Hotel Saul in Tel Aviv, has complete work on a retreat hotel on the Greek island of Kea this year. Expect a bohemian interior with lots of rattan, wood and light colors. The showpiece of Villa Ligaria, however, is the view of the Mediterranean, its nearby beach, and the wonderful swimming pool. The villa will be used mainly for yoga retreats.

whitekeyvillas.com

OLEA ALL SUITE ZAKYNTHOS

Zakynthos is one of the Ionian Islands and is famous for the photogenic Navagio Bay, a bay with azure blue water and a white sand beach, with a shipwreck still on it that stranded in 1982. Stay at Olea All Suite and view Zakynthos from the swimming pool with the sea in the distance. Of course it's all about relaxation, but also about good food. They have a range of restaurants and bars. Dive into the Greek kitchen at Omikron, drink a cocktail with your feet in the sand at the Cocoon Restobar, and try out the Japanese-Peruvian cuisine at Pacifico by Nikkei.

oleaallsuitehotel.com

KALESMIA MYKONOS

The newly opened hotel Kalesmia has only 25 suites, and two villas, overlooking Ornos Bay on the island of Mykonos. You can spend your days at the infinity pool or at restaurant Pere Ubu where they present a modern take on Greek cuisine. If you want to get married here, they have a chapel on site.

kalesmiamykonos.com

DOMES ZEEN CRETE

If you have children and you like to escape to a sunny Greek island, there is only one thing to do. Check in at Domes Zeen on Crete. The resort in Chania opened last year, is located directly on the sea and has rooms with a sleek design full of wood some with a private pool. Domes Zeen is not just child-friendly: it's a kid's dream. They organize art classes during the day and sleepovers in a yurt or teepee during the night - so their parents also have some time for each other.

domeszeenchania.com

VORA SANTORINI

Santorini is the ultimate destination for a romantic getaway if not your honeymoon. Vora consists of several private villas situated on a mountain so you'll have a dazzling view of the sea. The sunsets are unforgettable.

voravillas.com

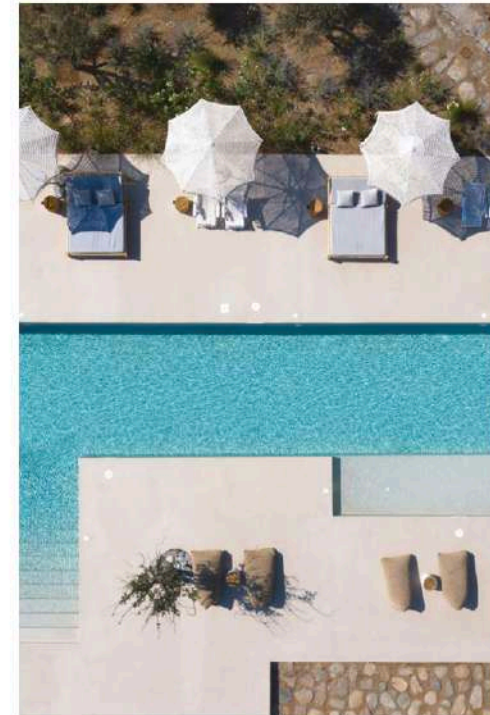
ISTORIA SANTORINI

Istoria on Santorini is run by the same owners as Parilio on Paros, and has the same luxurious design vibe. This hotel is located on the volcanic Perivolos beach, far from the tourist attractions. The former owner kept horses here—and the current hotel also offers horse-riding on the beach. You can sleep in one of the twelve suites or enjoy the modern Greek cuisine in the restaurant, where you dine with your feet in the sand.

istoriahotel.gr

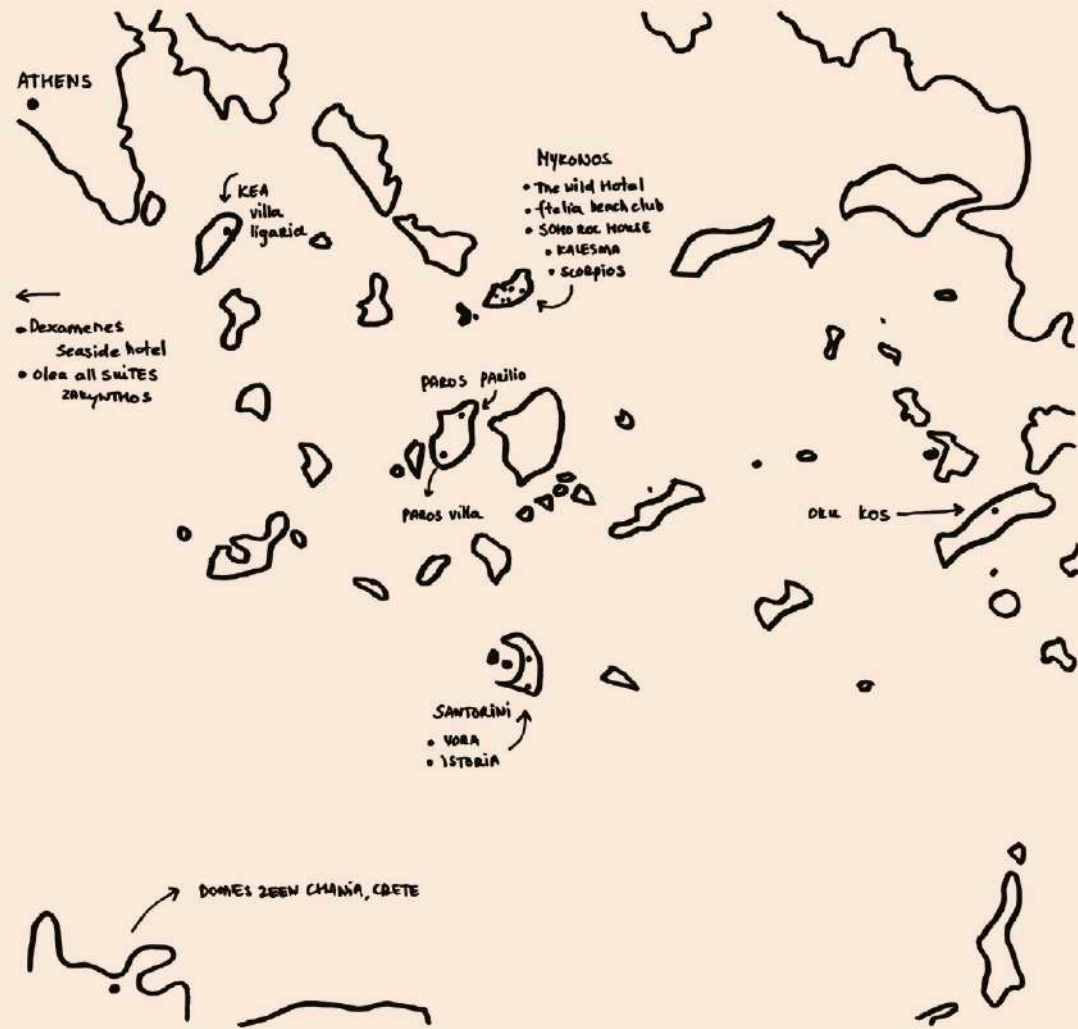


Istoria on Santorini (photo by Claus Brechenmacher & Reiner Baumann)



Villa Ligaria on Kea

Olea All Suite on Zakynthos (photo by Claus Brechenmacher & Reiner Baumann)



"We think of Istoría as a house of stories. Stories that speak of the past, but also illuminate a better future," say Kalia and Antonis Eliopoulos, who have pieced together a compelling narrative in the Aegean.

Hotel Istoría
Destination Santorini, Greece
Owners Kalia & Antonis Eliopoulos